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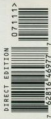
SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

**PROBABLY
THE STRANGEST
SONIC ISSUE
YOU WILL
EVER READ...**



**THE
END
BEGINS
NOW!**

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SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher & Manak

THIS JUST IN!

No, this is not an illusion

or some kind of weird printing error. What you see here is SONIC-GRAMS and, yes, it is meant to be on page one. We were having so much fun with this backwards issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG that we just went a little teeny-weeny overboard with the idea. Now everything's backwards. Why did we do this? Hey, if a popular sitcom can do it, why not us? We told you on the cover that it was going to be the strangest issue you would ever read. The end does begin now. Usually we end an issue with the letters pages (including name page, fan art, etc.), so for this issue—and this issue only—we will start off with them. What is normally the backup story follows and is immediately trailed by the main feature (which is itself a backwards story). So sit down, relax and enjoy a very special issue!

J.F. GABRIE

Editor / Art Director

Catch you on the flip side!

P.S.: Next month's issue contains the full and undisclosed life-story of Doctor Robotnik from an unexpected point-of-view. "I, Robotnik!" is written by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund! Also in this issue: Part One of "Tales of the Great War!" 'Nuff said. By Ken Penders with art by Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72 on sale late April 1999! Don't miss it!

P.P.S.: Special thanks to intern Yuko Ashida for her help this issue!

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Re: Sonic The Hedgehog #64-#66
(the Ixis Naugus Trilogy):

Dear Sonic and Tails,

Wow! No way! It couldn't get this good! I'm about to explode on how good SONIC #64 was! I can't wait to get the next two parts of the Ixis Naugus series. Now onto the questions: 1) How many chaos emeralds are there on Mobius and The Floating Island? 2) In The MECHA MADNESS Special, you and Knuckles got unrobotized so why don't you do that to the rest of the Robians?

Eric Treadway
Lakewood, CA

1) All the emeralds are fused into one which is known as The Master Emerald that holds The Floating Island afloat. 2) Throughout the years, the Robians have gained numerous attachments and no one knows what dangers could occur if they were derobotized.

Dear Sonic Grams,

I would like to say that you guys ROCK TAILS (no offense, Mr. Prower!!! I try to read your comics every month. The last one I got (SONIC #45) was most excellent. I am now searching for #46. Issue #45 was great, and it does explain a lot of things that were making me think... and I've stopped having those darned headaches. Now on to that Amy Rose and Bucky story. That was very mysterious. Who was that guy in the shadows? I guess I'll have to keep reading and find out! Excellent comic, you guys! Keep up the great work!

Dusty The Hedgehog (Dusty Scott)
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Dear Sonic,

Hi. I'm here to protest the reputation that Overlanders are getting in your comic book. So far, every Overlander encountered has been evil: Ivo Robotnik, Snively, The Iron Queen, and all the unknown Overlanders who fought in the war. I'm very tired of the bad rap that the Overlanders are getting. I would appreciate it if you feature an Overlander who acts as an ally to Sonic & Tails in your comic book. I also have a few questions I would like to have answered: 1) What kind of animal is Ixis Naugus? I think he's a crossbreed, but I'm not sure? 2) Are Overlanders a native race of Mobius, or did they plant colonies? 3) How did Robotnik get his robotic arm? 4) What race is Kodos anyway?

Spiff123@aol.com

First off, The Iron Queen is not an Overlander, she's a Badger. Second, let me introduce you to Nate Morgan... Answer time: 1) Ixis' origin was seen in Sonic #66. 2) Overlanders are a native race of Mobius. 3) Immediately after his coup, his arm was accidentally robotized. 4) Kodos is a lion.

Dear Sonic,

What a blast! I loved #66. I've been waiting for this to happen since SONIC #57. Though I felt bad for Nate Morgan when the gigantic rocks fell all over Eddy, the abominable Snow-Bot. Don't you ever get tired for what you've been through?

Omar Vargas (age 11)
Rochester, NY

Even Sonic gets a little winded from the events he experiences (as witnessed in last month's back-up feature) but he's a hero and, like most heroes, he'll quickly bounce back.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just got Sonic #65 today. On pages B-14, I learned a lot about Mobius history. The entire story was cool, too. By the way, I can't wait for next issue.

Mark Zimmer
Roswell, GA

Dear King Acorn, your Majesty:

I know what happened to Queen Alicia! Based on clues in KNUCKLES #17 and SONIC #64, my theory is this: The crippled craft crashed on the Floating Island, killing everyone aboard... except the Queen and the "boy." Then the Guardians discovered them and are trying to keep them alive to this day. I really do hope I'm correct.

Matt Rupp
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You are.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spaziente and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In one week: *They're back! SONIC KIDS!!!* Presenting stories from *The Freedom Fighters'* formative years. All stories written by Michael Gallagher. They include: 1) Sonic and crew's first zone experience! 2) We finally see how Princess Sally and Knuckles met (first shown in Sonic #44)! And 3) The day Tails was born! 'Nuff said. Look for it! SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 to be on sale late March 1999!

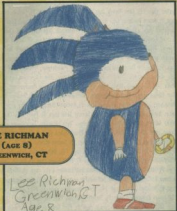


In two weeks: *The cover says it all: Knuckles comes face to face with his father. This is something we've wanted to see happen since issue #1... and now it's finally here. "Childhood's End" is written by Ken Penders with art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy! KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #25 on sale early April 1999!*

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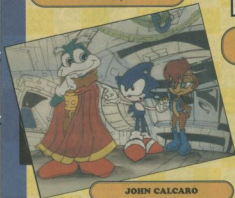


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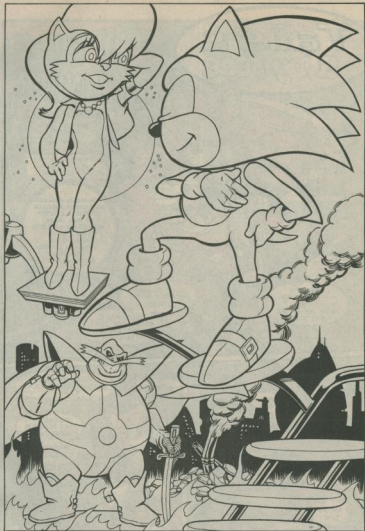


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Tails & amy rose

IN THE BEGINNING...

SOMEWHERE NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOBOTROPOLIS...

KEN PENDER: WRITER
 AND MARYANNE: PENCILER
 JEFF POWELL: LETTERER
 JON ARNOLD: INKER
 BARRY GROSSMAN: COLORIST
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I DON'T KNOW, AMY!

FLYING INTO THIS SECTION OF TOWN DOESN'T SEEM THE SMART THING TO ME!

DON'T BE SUCH A WORRY WART, TAILS!

DULCY AND I WERE HERE JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO...

*Back in SONIC #65 - Justice

--AND EVERYTHING WAS REAL KEWL!

SPEAKING OF KEWL--

THERE IT IS!

THERE'S THE LIBRARY!

LOOKS LIKE JUST ANOTHER OLD BUILDING TO ME!

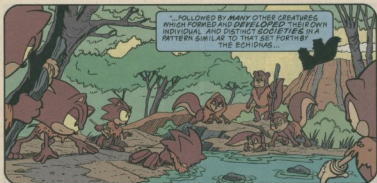
NO! NO! THIS PLACE IS AWESOME!

WAIT'LL YOU SEE!









"...FOLLOWED BY MANY OTHER CREATURES WHICH FORMED AND DEVELOPED THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL AND DISTINCT SOCIETIES IN A PATTERN SIMILAR TO THAT SET FORTH BY THE ECHIDNAS..."



"THE STATUS QVO REMAINED FOR GENERATIONS UNTIL A VISIONARY NAMED ALEXANDER TOOK NOTICE OF THE EFFORTS OF ANOTHER CULTURE..."



"DECIDING THAT EVERYONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE POOLING KNOWLEDGE, HE SET ABOUT RECRUITING OTHERS WHO SHARED IN HIS DREAM..."

"AS HE WORKED TO TURN HIS IDEAS INTO REALITY, HE MET RESISTANCE FROM TWO OPPOSING FACTIONS..."



"THE ECHIDNAS WERE SYMPATHETIC, BUT THEY BELIEVED THE KNOWLEDGE THEY PROVIDED MIGHT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD."



"AS FOR THE OVERLANDERS, THEIR AGGRESSIVE WAYS PROVED TOO HOSTILE TO RISK INCORPORATING INTO ALEXANDER'S NEW SOCIETY--"



"EVENTUALLY, GROUND WAS BROKEN,
AND IDEAS WERE GIVEN FORM
AND SUBSTANCE --"



"--AS EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED
THE CAUSE CONTRIBUTED TO
TRANSFORMING WORDS INTO REALITY..."



"THUS WAS BORN
MOBOTROPOLIS,
THE FIRST MULTI-
CULTURAL SOCIETY
ON THE FACE OF
MOBIUS!"

"ALEXANDER HAD BY NOW
PROVEN HIMSELF A THOUGHTFUL
AND BENEVOLENT LEADER, AND
THUS ACCEPTED AS KING AMONG
HIS PEOPLE!"



"UNFORTUNATELY, THE GENERAL
SENSE OF PEACE AND HAPPY-
NESS THAT PREVAILED WOULD
NOT LAST LONG..."

"GO ON,
TAILS! WHAT HAPPENS
NEXT?!"

**WHAT DOES, INDEED,
DEAR READERS?!**

**AT LONG LAST, YOU'RE GOING
TO FIND OUT THE HIDDEN
SECRETS TO THE GREAT WAR!!**

**BE HERE NEXT ISSUE, WHERE WE
ANSWER THE BURNING QUESTION...**

**WHATEVER STARTED
THE GREAT WAR IN
THE FIRST PLACE ANYHOW?!**

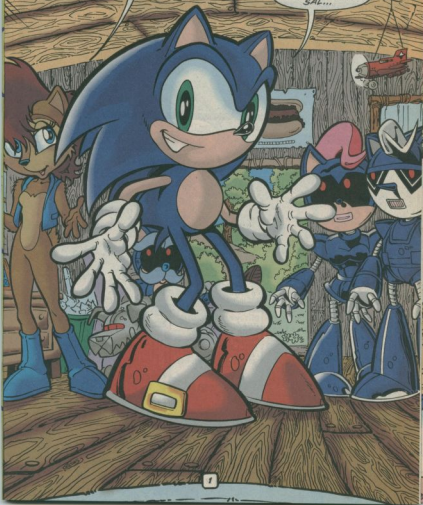
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

...THIS VERY SECOND.

NOW, LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT, SONIC-- YOU USED NATE MORGAN'S SUPER EMERALD TO PREVENT THAT WEIRD TIME-BEAM FROM DESTROYING MOBIUS...

...BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR APPEARANCE CHANGED! I MEAN ... YOUR EYES HAVE TURNED GREEN, YOUR SHOES NOW HAVE BUCKLES, AND...

LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA HAVE TO RUN THROUGH THIS ONE MORE TIME FOR YA, SAL...



TWENTY MINUTES
EARLIER...

...WHERE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY, AN
IMPENETRABLE BLANKET OF ENERGY THAT HAD
ENGULFED THE ENTIRE AREA SUDDENLY...

...VANISHES!

AND, AT THE SAME
TIME IN THE CITY OF
MOBOTROPOLIS...

SONIC'S
DONE IT!

MY
THEORY WAS
CORRECT--

--THE SUPER EMERALD HEIGHTENED
HIS SPEED ENOUGH SO HE WAS ABLE
TO ATTRACT THE BEAN AWAY FROM
KNOTHOLE...

...BY FUTZING AROUND WITH TIME
ITSELF! HE'S SAVED THE WHOLE WORLD
FROM IMPENDING DOOM!

"...AND NOW, KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE IS NO LONGER
THREE HOURS AHEAD
IN TIME!"

GOSH--
EVERYONE ALL
RIGHT?

SURE...
FEEL...
WOOZY...

BUT WAIT! NOW I
REMEMBER! WOOZ-
INESS IS A GOOD
THING! IT MEANS WE'RE
STILL AROUND TO
FEEL ANYTHING
AT ALL WHICH MEANS
SONIC WAS
SUCCESSFUL...

"...BUT WHAT
ON MOBIUS
HAPPENED
TO HIM?"

FORTY MINUTES
EARLIER...

GO,
SONIC--
GO!

YOU CAN DO
IT, SUGAR-MOG!

DO YOU
REMEMBER
EVERYTHING
I'VE TOLD YOU,
YOUNGSTER?

YOU BET, NATE--IT'S
UP TO ME AND THIS SUPER-
EMERALD STRAPPED TO MY
BACK TO GET THE JOB
DONE...

...OTHERWISE MOM,
DAD, SALLY AND JUST ABOUT
EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE
ARE GONNA BE COMPLETE
GONERS...

...WITH THE REST
OF MOBIUS FOLLOWIN'
SOON AFTER!

NOW,
IT'S UP TO MY
SPEED...

...AND
NATE MORGAN'S
TRUMP
CARD...

...TO SAVE THE
ENTIRE PLANET!

SONIC RACES AWAY FROM HIS
HOME IN THE CITY OF
MOBOTROPOLIS--FASTER
THAN EVEN HE HAD DREAMT
POSSIBLE!

THE SUPER EMERALD, ITS WILD
ENERGIES ONCE MORE TAPPED,
USES THE YOUNG SPEEDSTER AS A
FOCUS FOR ITS GREAT POWER, AND
AS THIS HAPPENS, AN AWESOME
TRANSFORMATION OCCURS!

WHOAH!
I'M, LIKE, CHANGIN'
--BECOMIN'--

**SUPER-
SONIC!**

ACROSS MOBIUS' EARTH-LIKE SURFACE
THE BRIGHT YELLOW
BLUR ACCELERATES
EVEN FASTER--

--DISTURBING THE
TRANQUILITY OF
DEERWOOD FOREST--

--BEFORE UNDERGOING
ANOTHER WONDROUS
CHANGE, THIS TIME
ASSUMING THE FORM OF
THE BEING KNOWN ONLY AS...

**ULTRA-
SONIC!**

IF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SIMPLE
VILLAGE LOCATED AT THE BASE OF
MOUNT STORMTOP COULD SEE
THE TRANSFORMED FIGURE ZOOMING
PAST--

--THEY WOULD SPOT THEIR ALLY FROM
WEEKS AGO,* BUT SO SWIFT IS ULTRA-
SONIC'S MOVEMENT THAT HE GOES BY
UNRECOGNIZED, THE SUPER-EMERALD
CONTINUING TO ALTER HIS PHYSICAL
STRUCTURE--

* Read **SONIC**
#60- JFG

--SO THAT UPON REACHING
THE SUPER-HEATED STRETCH
OF SAND THAT MAKES UP THE
GREAT DESERT, OUR HERO
TRANSFORMS INTO A PREVIOUSLY
UNSEEN VERSION OF HIMSELF--

**SOLAR-
SONIC!**

AND THIS NEW INCARNATION
GIVES WAY TO OTHERS
DEPENDING UPON SONIC'S GEO-
GRAPHIC LOCATION ON THE
PLANET.

POLAR-SONIC EASILY SPRINTS
AND SKATES ACROSS THE IGY
LANDSCAPE OF THE SOUTHERN
TUNDRA--

--WHILE ECO-SONIC
MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH
THE LEAFY TERRAIN OF
THE GREAT RAINFOREST.

FASTER AND FASTER, SONIC
SPOOLS AROUND MOBIUS'
GLOBAL CURVE IN A
REPEATED PATTERN--

--RACING ALONG WITH THE
PLANET'S ROTATION, HIS INNATE
SPEED COUPLED WITH THE FORCES
OF THE SUPER-EMERALD CAUSES
TIME ITSELF TO MOVE FORWARD
AT A FAR GREATER RATE-- AS NATE
MORGAN PREDICTED!



"...BUT WHERE IS
IT GOING?!"

MEANWHILE, BACK AT
MOBOTROPOLIS'
CASTLE ACORN...

WHAT IS IT,
ELIAS?

FATHER--LOOK!

THE TIME-BEAM IS
MOVING AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE VALLEY...

THE TIME-BEAM-- I GOT IT
TO FOLLOW ME AND NOW IT'S HOT ON
MY TRAIL! I'VE GOTTA DO EXACTLY
LIKE NATE SAID AND--



THIRTY MINUTES
EARLIER...

IT APPEARED A
SHORT WHILE AGO--
SOME SORT OF MYSTER-
IOUS ENERGY-BEAM
FROM ON HIGH!

IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE
TOLD KING MAX AND ME IS TRUE,
SONIC, IT COULD BE THE CAUSE
OF TIME FLOWING BACKWARDS
IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

I SUSPECT THAT
THE BEAM TARGETED KNOT-
HOLE BECAUSE OF ITS
UNIQUE NATURE--THE
ENTIRE LOCATION IS
THREE HOURS AHEAD IN
TIME, NO?

SOMEHOW, THE ENERGY-BEAM IS
FORCING KNOTHOLE TO RESUME ITS
PROPER PLACE WITHIN THE TIME-
STREAM. IF THE BEAM IS STILL
DIRECTED AT THE AREA ONCE ITS
REALIGNED, HOWEVER...

...TIME ON MOBIUS WILL START
TO MOVE BACKWARD AND FORWARD
SIMULTANEOUSLY...

"...DESTROYING NOT ONLY
THE FABRIC OF TIME, BUT
THE ENTIRE PLANET AS
WELL!"

SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA
DO, NATE? THIS IS WITH-
OUT A DOUBT, THE
REAL DEAL!

WE MUST DRAW THIS
'TIME-BEAM' AWAY FROM
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY
AT THE PRECISE MOMENT
OF REALIGNMENT...

...BY PROVIDING
WITH A MORE SUITABLE
TARGET!

HOW CAN WE
POSSIBLY CAUSE
THAT DESIRED EFFECT,
OLD FRIEND?

QUICKLY--
FOLLOW ME!

BEHOLD ONE OF
THE FEW SUPER
EMERALDS LEFT ON
THE GLOBE,
NOW...IT'S OUR
ONLY HOPE.

TEN
MINUTES
EARLIER...

W-WE M-M-MADE IT,
S-SAL! WE B-B-BROKE
THROUGH THE B-B-BARRIER!
NOW WE CAN--

SAL?

WHERE'D
YA GO?

IT DIDN'T WORK--
SURE I USED MY SUPER-
SPEED TO ESCAPE KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE AND THE TROUBLE
THAT'S GOING ON THERE...

MAYBE IF I
HEAD BACK INSIDE,
I CAN--

--SCRATCH THAT
IDEA FER SURE! THE
ENERGY THAT'S COMIN'
OUTTA THE GREAT OAK
SLIDE-- IS THREE
TIMES AS BRIGHT AS
WHEN WE TRAVELED
THROUGH IT
EARLIER!

...BUT PRINCESS
SALLY WAS SOME-
HOW LEFT BEHIND!
WHAT DO I DO?

I WON'T DO
SALLY (OR ANYBODY)
MUCH GOOD IF I'M
BLINDED BY ITS
LIGHT!

TIME
TO GET SOME
HELP!



EIGHT
MINUTES
EARLIER...

WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE?

I KNOW,
SONIC, AND...

EVERYTHING
SURE LOOKS WAY
PAST WEIRD,
SAL!



OVER THERE! IT'S
YOUR UNCLE, SONIC! MAYBE
HE CAN EXPLAIN!

I SEE
'IM, SAL! HEY,
UNCLE
CHUCK!



UNCLE
CHUCK! WHERE
YA GOIN'?



I DON'T GET IT, SAL--
UNCLE CHUCK IGNORED US
--ACTED LIKE HE COULDN'T
HEAR ME CALLIN' OUT HIS
NAME...

...AND WALKED
AWAY BACKWARDS
TO BOOT!



LOOK! THOSE
LEAVES AREN'T FALLING
DOWN-- INSTEAD THEY
SEEM TO BE FALLING
'UP'!



THERE'S MY
MOM AND DAD!

BUT THEY'RE
SPEAKING TO
EACH OTHER IN
A FOREIGN
LANGUAGE!

...WON SKEEW ROF
SH GNIDIOYA NEEB S'EH
FEINREB, NOS RUO SI
SUIBOM NO EREHW

...GNILRAD
YM, SELUT
YDAER S'EH
NEHW SU
HTIW ETAC-
INUMMOC
LL'EH
ERUS
M'I'

AND WHAT'S
WITH THIS
STRANGE
GLOW
AROUND
US?

OH MY GOSH, SONIC--DON'T
YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
YOUR UNCLE WALKED AWAY
BUT HE WASN'T REALLY DOING
IT BACKWARDS...

...THE LEAVES
AREN'T REALLY FALLING
'UP' AND REATTACHING
TO THE BRANCHES
ABOVE US...

...AND YOUR
PARENTS AREN'T
SPEAKING IN
ANOTHER
LANGUAGE!

YOU'RE RIGHT,
SAL--THEY'RE
TALKIN' TO EACH
OTHER BACKWARDS!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW
ANY BETTER, I'D SAY
THAT EVERYTHIN'
WAS MOVIN' IN
REVERSE AROUND
HERE!

YOU DO KNOW BETTER,
SONIC, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER
--TIME IN THIS LOCATION
IS SOMEHOW FLOWING
BACKWARDS...

...WHICH ISN'T SO BAD CONSIDERING
THAT KNOTHOLE WAS SHOVED THREE HOURS
FORWARD IN TIME AS A RESULT OF DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!

BUT WHAT'LL
HAPPEN AFTER EVERYTHING'S
MOVED BACK PAST THE THREE
HOUR MARK?

*Read SONIC
SUPER SPECIAL
#6 - JFG

THERE'S NO
TELLING--WE'VE GOT TO
DO SOMETHING!

THIS GLOW AROUND
US KEEPS US FROM INTER-
ACTING WITH ANYTHING
HERE, SO THE ONLY WAY
TO FIX WHATEVER HAS
CAUSED THIS TROUBLE
IS TO GET BACK OUTSIDE
OF KNOTHOLE!



TEN MINUTES
EARLIER...

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THIS, SONIC--THE
GREAT OAK SLIDE
WE NORMALLY
USE TO ENTER
KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE--

I KNOW, SAL--IT'S TURNED
INTO A TUNNEL O' BLINDIN' WHITE
LIGHT! AND, MAN THIS IS A WILDER
RIDE THAN EVEN I'M USED TO!

THIS TUNNEL
DOESN'T SEEM TO
END, EITHER!

IT MAY HAVE
SOME CONNECTION
WITH THAT INCREDIBLE
BURST OF LIGHT WE
SAW EARLIER, BUT
I'M STILL--

SONIC--I'M BEING
PULLED AWAY FROM YOU!
I CAN'T SLOW MYSELF
DOWN!

HANG
ON, SAL!
HANG
ON!!

COME...
ON... GOTTA...
REACH...

...JUST
A LITTLE...
BIT...

...CLOSER!

GOTCHA!

I GET THE FEELING WE
SHOULD'VE GOTTEN SOME
HELP BEFORE TRYING THIS...

SEVEN
MINUTES
EARLIER...

GOSH, SONIC! I CAN'T
BELIEVE THAT YOU DISOBEYED
MY FATHER AND WENT TO WEST
ROBOTROPOLIS!

EVEN THOUGH THAT
THIEF KODOS STOLE
"WINGED VICTORY"***
AND IT LOOKS LIKE
SNIVELY BIT THE
DUST...

...I'D DO IT
ALL OVER AGAIN
TO SAVE NATE'S
LIFE, SAL!

I BELIEVE IT! DON'T
WORRY--I'VE SEEN DADDY
ANGRY AND THAT CER-
TAINLY WASN'T IT. IN HIS
OWN WAY, HE'S PROBABLY
PROUD OF WHAT YOU AND
MY BROTHER DID, YET
DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO
SHOW IT.

EITHER THAT...OR
HE'S REALLY MIFFED
BUT TOO HAPPY TO
STAY THAT WAY FOR
LONG.

* Read last ish.
** Sonic's bi-plane-JFG

DOCTOR QUACK TOLD
US THAT HER CONDITION HAS
STABILIZED. NOW HE AND HIS
MEDICAL TEAM ARE TRYING
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG
WITH HER.

I GUESS HIS
SPIRITS ARE UP
SINCE YOUR MOM
AND BRO CAME
HOME AFTER
BEIN' LOST ALL
THOSE YEARS. HOW
IS YOUR MOM, SAL?
IS QUEEN
ALICIA...?

UNTIL THEN WE CAN
ONLY HOPE FOR THE
BEST.

WHAT ABOUT
YOUR PARENTS,
SONIC? THEY
SEEMED REALLY
WORRIED ABOUT
YOU. YOU'VE BEEN
AWAY FOR SO
MANY WEEKS AND
ON YOUR SECOND
NIGHT BACK
IN TOWN--

I JUST UP AND
LEAVE ALL NIGHT
WITHOUT TELLIN'
'EM!

LIKE, WOW-- YOU
ARE SO RIGHT, SAL!
I GUESS I JUST
DIDN'T THINK!

I STILL HAVEN'T
GOT THIS PARENT
THING FIGURED OUT
YET, BUT I PROMISE
I'LL MAKE LAST
NIGHT UP TO 'EM NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS NEXT!

SONIC--WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

I DUNNO, SAL,
BUT THAT WEIRD
LIGHT'S
COMIN' OUTTA
THE ENTRANCE-
WAY TO KNOT-
HOLE VILLAGE!
LET'S CHECK
IT OUT!

FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER...

NATE--
YOU'RE SAFE, MY
OLD FRIEND!

OF COURSE, MAX--IT'LL
TAKE MORE THAN A FEW KID-
NAPPERS TO GET THE
BETTER OF ME!

OH, BUT THERE IS
ARGUMENT HERE, MY SON!
ELIAS--YOU ARE THE CROWNED
PRINCE AND, THEREFORE,
SHOULD NOT BE SNEAKING
OFF ON DANGEROUS
MISSIONS ASSIGNED
ESPECIALLY TO MY SECRET
SERVICE AGENTS!

BUT,
FATHER--

NO 'BUTS'! AFTER MANY
LONG YEARS OF SEPARATION,
OUR FAMILY IS TOGETHER ONCE
AGAIN--I WON'T LET ANYTHING
JEOPARDIZE THAT.

KING MAX--SIR--IN ELIAS'
DEFENSE, I'VE GOTTA SAY THAT
IF NOT FOR HIS CLEAR-HEADED
REASONIN', THE WHOLE MISSION
MIGHTA BEEN A TOTAL BUST!

ELIAS, SOMEBODY'S GOTTA
SAY IT--AS FAR AS RESCUING ROYAL
ADVISORS TO THE KINGDOM OF
ACORN GOES, THE JOB WE DID WAS
WAY PAST COOL!

NO
ARGUMENT
HERE,
SONIC!

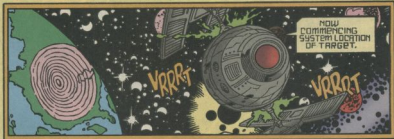
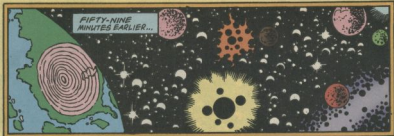
AND WHY WOULD
THAT HAVE
HAPPENED, SONIC?
COULD IT POSSIBLY
BE BECAUSE YOU
INVITED YOURSELF
ALONG AFTER I TOLD
YOU NOT TO PARTAKE
IN THE RECAPTURE
OF SHIVELY AND
HIS RENEGADES?

WELL, YOU
DIDN'T USE THOSE
EXACT WORDS...

SONIC--THERE YOU ARE!
YOUR PARENTS CALLED ALL NIGHT
ASKING WHERE YOU WERE.

OF
COURSE,
DADDY!

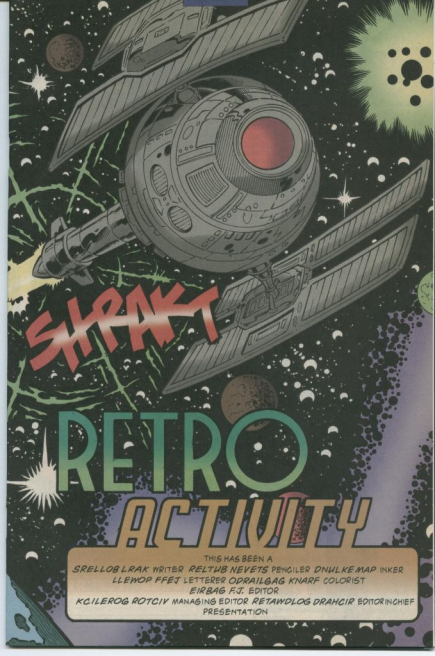
SALLY--PERHAPS YOU
COULD TAKE SOME TIME OUT
OF YOUR DUTIES AS PRINCESS
TO ESCORT SONIC HOME TO
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.



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